NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 262

18 March 1958

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton State Mr. R. S. Kain State Col. D. H. Smith Army Mr. J. A. Minogue Army Lt. D. P. Harvey Navy Lt. Col. H. K. Avery Air Force Mr. Chas. P. Berney Air Force 25X1A9a CIA CIA CIA CIA (Chairman) CIA (Secretary)

* In attendance for review of Chapter I.

2. Review of Chapter I on Iraq

The Committee reviewed the Chapter I on NIS 30 (Iraq) and approved the draft with minor changes, including the addition of a footnote to Section 11 outlining the general terms of the Iraq-Jordan Federation (refer to Item 3 NCM 261). The Chapter I Task Group was requested to review the detailed comments by the member agencies. The Committee decided to control this Chapter in view of contributor controls placed on Sections 15 and 18.

/Note: At the request of the chairman, the need for controls was subsequently verified by the responsible agencies.

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3. Treatment of Chapter IX (M) on USSR

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The Committee approved the following proposal of the Chapter IX Subcommittee with regard to the treatment of Chapter IX(M) on NIS 26 (USSR), contained in memorandum dated 3 March 1958 (refer to Item 4 NCM 251):

- a. Abandon the proposal that the Chapter be divided into three Parts by areal coverage of the maps, each Part comprising a complete Chapter IX outline.
- b. Integrate all the information for the NIS 26 area under the subject headings as given in the Chapter IX outline and outline guide and treat the Chapter IX as a unit.
- c. Wherever advisable, have a breakdown by area under a subject heading, with these area breakdowns generally paralleling the previous planning -- overall coverage, European USSR, and Asiatic USSR.
- d. Retain the credit for five Chapters IX as approved for the earlier proposal, since the volume of work will be the same.

The proposal of the Chapter IX Subcommittee that the Chapter be published in four volumes for the convenience of the user was not acted upon by the Committee, being a matter to be determined by OBI, with the understanding that all volumes will be published at the same time.

4. Changes in Chapter IX Production Forecast

The Committee approved the following changes in the Chapter IX production forecast, as proposed by the Chapter IX Subcommittee in memorandum dated 3 March 1958:

- a. FY 1960 Forecast: Interchange scheduling of Chapter IX on NIS 53(M) (Egypt) and Chapter IX on NIS 13A (M) (East Germany) in order that contributions to Chapter IX and Section 19 on NIS 13A may be prepared concurrently.
- b. FY 1961 Forecast: Combine the separate Parts of Chapter IX on NIS 26(M) and schedule in the following order:

NIS 103

South Pacific Islands

NIS 50A

Ghana

NIS 39B (M)

Nationalist China

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5. Designation of NIS Area 81A

The State member reported that "The West Indies" is the official title of the U.K. dependencies in the Caribbean popularly known as the British Caribbean Federation, consisting of the following colonies: Antigua; Barbados; Dominica; Grenada; Jamaica; Montserrat; St. Christopher (or St. Kitts), Nevis, and Anguilla; St. Lucia; St. Vincent; Trinidad and Tobago. The Committee approved designating NIS Area 81A "The West Indies" and changing the General Area listing to include the above colonies (refer to Item 6 NCM 255).

6. Current Production Status

The chairman reviewed the current production situation and noted that a total of 244 sections had been produced, representing 73% of scheduled commitments to date. The State member reported that NIS production was being given an overriding priority throughout IRA for 60 days, beginning 12 March, which should result in appreciable improvement over last year's production, even though State is currently at 56% of scheduled commitments. It was the consensus of the service members that the defense agencies should generally fulfill this year's requirements, although the manpower situation is very tight, particularly in the Air Force where there is to be a further consolidation of the Eastern and Western Divisions into a single division, and elimination of secretarial and clerical help in the NIS Coordinator's office.

7. Intelligence Products Exhibit

The chairman requested the members to submit by 10 April 1958 the names of NIS personnel attending the next CIA Intelligence Products Exhibit scheduled for 24 April 1958. He advised that those whose yearly security clearance is about to expire should attend this exhibit. He noted that a number of improvements had recently been made in the exhibit which clarified the mission and functions of the DD/I offices, and suggested that those who had not attended for some time might find another visit profitable. The vice chairman will investigate the possibility of attendance by NIS personnel in non-IAC agencies who would benefit from a visit to the exhibit.

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8. Other Matters

- a. Replying to a previous question by the Army member regarding the use of copyright material in NIS classified intelligence, the chairman reported that a member of the Legal Staff, State Department, had addressed memorandum of 6 March 1958 to the State member informing him that "as of the present time free use of such materials by the U.S., whether in classified reports or otherwise, does not appear to be subject to any legal restraints."
- b. The Army member said it would be desirable if the publication date of each NIS unit could be included in the NIS Quarterly Production Report so as to inform Army holders of the latest issues. The chairman explained that the present Quarterly Report had been developed as far as capabilities will permit. The separate listing of approximately 4,000 NIS units would be an expensive operation that could not be justified.
- c. The chairman requested the members to ensure that all contributions to the NIS Annual on India are submitted on or before 1 April 1958 so that drafts may be prepared and reviewed expeditiously.
- 9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 8 April 1958.

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